



**WEBINAR:
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RISK
REDUCTION APPROACHES FOR PFCS**

OECD-UNEP GLOBAL PFC GROUP

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www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc





Background

SAICM ICCM2 Resolution II/5 invited relevant stakeholders to

Promote PFC stewardship programmes and to contribute to:

- Information-gathering activities, such as the recently developed OECD survey of product content and environmental release information on PFOS, PFOA, their related substances and products and mixtures containing these substances;
- Information exchange on alternatives currently in use, including short-chain-length fluorocarbons, and potentially safer alternative substances or technologies for their use.

SAICM ICCM3 Resolution III/3 that:

- Takes note of establishment of Global PFC Group
- Invites OECD/UNEP Global PFC Group to carry on and report progress to ICCM4
- Requests close cooperation with Stockholm convention and UNIDO



Work programme 2014-15

- Key activities:
 - **Activity 1: PFC Web Portal**
Update of www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc
 - **Activity 2: Synthesis papers**
On scientific evidence, regulatory approaches, alternatives to long-chain PFCs – currently paper on risk reduction approaches being developed (available in 2015)
 - **Activity 3: Webinars and other events**
Focus on the topics of the synthesis papers
 - **Activity 4: PFC survey**
Work towards an updated survey: Reach out to main PFC producers; agree on survey methodology; implement survey; publish survey results
 - **Activity 5: Information about uses of PFCs**
 - **Activity 6: Cooperation with the Stockholm Convention and UNIDO**



Additional Resources

- Synthesis paper on PFCs published in 2013:
www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc



- 2009 OECD PFC survey report available at
 - <http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=env/jm/mono%282011%291&doclanguage=en>



OECD/UNEP PFCs Webinars

Webinar #1: Overview of PFCs Landscape – Key issues and insights - 20 November 2013

Webinar # 2: Major uses of PFCs and scientific evidence - 29 *January 2014*

Webinar # 3: Recent Developments in Alternatives to Long Chain PFCs – 30 April 2014

Webinar # 4: Recent Developments in Risk Reduction Approaches for PFCs – 3 December 2014



Today's Webinar on Recent Developments in Risk Reduction Approaches for PFCs

Objective: This webinar aims to present recent developments in risk reduction approaches for PFCs. It is organised around expert talks and attendees will also have an opportunity to discuss with the speakers and ask questions in an interactive setting. The webinar will last for 60 minutes.

Speakers:

- **Eeva Leinala**, Principal Administrator, OECD and **Kaj Madsen**, Senior Program Officer, UNEP (*Introduction - 10 minutes*)
- **Toni Krasnic**, Environmental Protection Agency, United States (*10 minutes*)
- **Fannie Lalonde**, Environment Canada, Canada (*10 minutes*)
- **Christoph Schulte**, Environmental Agency, Germany (*10 minutes*)
- **Q&A** (*20 minutes*)



OECD Portal on Perfluorinated Chemicals

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